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49/122. Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular chapter 17, section G, of Agenda 21, 1/ relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States,

Recalling also its resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 47/189 of 22 December 1992 and 48/193 of 21 December 1993,

Reaffirming that, because the development options of small island developing States are limited, there are special challenges to devising and implementing sustainable development plans, and that those States will be constrained in meeting such challenges without the cooperation of the international community,

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions Adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

Having considered the report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 2/ which was held at Bridgetown from 25 April to 6 May 1994 and included a high-level segment on 5 and 6 May 1994,

Expressing its satisfaction that the Conference and its Preparatory Committee provided for the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies at a high level, and also provided for the participation of observers, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations from all regions of the world,

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Barbados for the hospitality extended to the participants of the Conference and for the excellent facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; 2/

2. Endorses the Declaration of Barbados, 3/ and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, 4/ as adopted at the Conference on 6 May 1994;

3. Notes with satisfaction the summary of the high-level segment, 5/ which focused on the theme "Forging partnerships for sustainable development";

4. Calls upon Governments, as well as the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to implement all commitments reached and recommendations made at the Conference and to take the action necessary for effective follow-up to the Programme of Action, including ensuring the provision of the means of implementation under chapter XV thereof;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action; 6/

2/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, 25 April-6 May 1994 (A/CONF.167/9 and Corr.1 and 2) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda).

3/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

4/ Ibid., annex II.

5/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, 25 April-6 May 1994 (A/CONF.167/9 and Corr.1 and 2) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), Annexes, annex III.

6/ A/49/425 and Add.1.

6. Welcomes, in particular, the progress made by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the United Nations Development Programme and the World Meteorological Organization in identifying focal points and other similar mechanisms to coordinate the action they are taking to implement the Programme of Action;

7. Welcomes the preparation by the United Nations Development Programme of studies on the feasibility of developing a technical assistance programme 7/ and on an information network 8/ for the small island developing States;

8. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to continue to carry out its mandate as the lead agency in organizing the efforts of the United Nations system towards capacity-building at the local, national and regional levels, as set forth in Agenda 21, and in fostering the United Nations collective thrust in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly through its network of country offices;

9. Also invites the United Nations Development Programme:

(*a*) To initiate the implementation of the technical assistance programme for small island developing States by preparing a directory, as specified in paragraph 106 of the Programme of Action, and undertake further consultation with small island developing States and other interested parties to determine the most effective means of implementation of the technical assistance programme;

(*b*) To coordinate further interregional and intraregional consultations between relevant technical experts of small island developing States and other interested States, agencies and relevant organizations to elaborate further the information network for small island developing States and determine the most effective means of implementing it, taking into account the requirements of the technical assistance programme and the Programme of Action;

10. Calls upon the international community to participate in the consideration of the feasibility studies through a process of consultation, with a view to supporting fully efforts to put the technical assistance programme and the information network into operation;

11. Requests the Commission on Sustainable Development:

(*a*) To make arrangements for monitoring and reviewing, in a distinct and identifiable manner, and in the context of its multi-year thematic programme and its annual consideration of cross-sectoral issues, the implementation of the provisions agreed upon in the Programme of Action;

(*b*) To carry out, in 1996, an initial review of the progress achieved and steps taken to implement the Programme of Action;

7/ A/49/459, annex.

8/ A/49/414, annex.

(c) To recommend, in the context of the overall review of Agenda 21 in 1997, specific modalities for a full review of the Programme of Action in 1999, including the question of convening a second global conference, in accordance with chapter 17, section G, of Agenda 21;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to enable the relevant regional commissions to support activities to coordinate the implementation of the outcome of the Conference at the regional and subregional levels by, inter alia, providing the necessary autonomy and adequate resources to their subregional offices and operational centres, in accordance with paragraph 134 of the Programme of Action, taking into account the decentralization process;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has a strengthened capacity to carry out, in accordance with its mandate, the research and analysis necessary to complement the work of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat with respect to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

14. Commends the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development for the efficient manner in which it serviced the preparations for and reporting on the Conference;

15. Further requests the Secretary-General to establish within the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development a clearly identifiable entity with the resources and number of qualified and competent professional and support staff that are necessary to undertake its broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action, relying on the most efficient and cost-effective use of resources, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 123 of the Programme of Action;

16. Requests the Secretary-General, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to arrange for the wide and effective dissemination of the Programme of Action;

17. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

18. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on action taken to implement the present resolution and on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and in that regard also requests the Secretary-General to invite those organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system which have not already done so to consider the establishment of focal points and other similar mechanisms to enable them to respond effectively in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

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49/123. United Nations Development Programme and the Human Development Report

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations system and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling that the Human Development Report is the result of an independent intellectual exercise and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States,

1. Affirms that the Human Development Report is a separate and distinct exercise which is not an official document of the United Nations and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States;

2. Reaffirms decision 94/15 of 10 June 1994 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, 1/ by which the Board welcomed the decision of the Administrator to improve the process of consultation with Member States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies used in the report with a view to improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence;

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 15 (E/1994/35/Rev.1).

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of the present resolution is reported to the General Assembly within the context of the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its substantive session of 1995.

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49/124. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University in 1993, 1/ and its development in 1994, as presented orally by the Rector of the United Nations University on 7 November 1994, 2/

Taking note of decision 4.2.2 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and forty-fourth session, held in Paris from 25 April to 5 May 1994, 3/

Expressing its deep appreciation for the voluntary contributions made to date by Governments and other public and private entities in support of the University,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Rector to reduce the administrative costs and consolidate the programme of the University, but concerned about the continuing financial difficulties it is experiencing,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/49/31).

2/ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Second Committee, 20th meeting.

3/ See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Decisions Adopted by the Executive Board at its 144th Session, Paris, 25 April to 5 May 1994 (144 EX/Decisions).

Noting with appreciation also the decision of the Council to carry out a forward-looking assessment of the work the University has undertaken under its medium-term perspective for 1990-1995 in order to determine its future course,

Concerned that there is insufficient awareness of the work the University is doing, particularly among other United Nations organs, and that the results of that work are not used as extensively as they could be,

Recognizing that the University is making a growing number of contributions as a global reservoir of ideas for the international community in general and the United Nations system in particular, and expecting that these contributions will increase in the course of its third decade of existence, which commences next year,

1. Welcomes the fact that the Council of the United Nations University has initiated a process of consolidating the programme of the University and bringing it into closer correspondence with the priorities and concerns of the United Nations and the world academic community and stresses the need to continue this process;

2. Requests, in this connection, the Council and the Rector of the United Nations University to take further steps to promote the visibility of the University, particularly among Member States, the United Nations and its agencies, to strengthen its links with them and to enhance the dissemination of the results of its work, and to include such steps in the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

3. Stresses the need to enhance further coordination and cooperation between the research and training centres of the University;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to consider innovative measures to improve the communication and interaction between the University and the other bodies in the United Nations system and to ensure the integration of the work of the University into all relevant activities of the United Nations system, taking into account General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992, so that the United Nations system may draw more extensively upon the work of the University, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

5. Requests the Council and the Rector to continue to make efforts to ensure the efficiency and economy of the activities of the University as well as its financial transparency and accountability, and to intensify efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and to mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to make efforts to ensure and enhance the real value of the capital of the Endowment Fund of the University;

7. Appeals to the international community to make voluntary contributions to the University, in particular to its Endowment Fund.

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49/125. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/180 of 19 December 1991, 47/227 of 8 April 1993 and 48/207 of 21 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the report of the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the activities of the Institute, 2/

Recognizing the growing importance and relevance of training within the United Nations and the new training requirements of all Member States,

Considering the relevance of research activities related to training undertaken by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research within its mandate,

Acknowledging the importance for the restructured Institute of continuing to develop closer relationships with relevant national and international institutions in industrialized and developing countries in order to enable the United Nations system to respond to training needs in the most cost-effective manner and in the best interest of all Member States,

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1/ A/49/634.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/49/14).

Taking note with interest of the steps taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute with a view to making it the dynamic training institution that it was originally intended to be,

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

2. Urges Member States to make voluntary contributions to the restructured Institute, in particular to its General Fund, so as to assure its viability and the further development of its training programmes;

3. Reaffirms that the funding of all the administrative budget and the training programmes of the Institute shall be covered from voluntary contributions, donations, special-purpose grants and executing agency overheads;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide for the Institute in the future, and retroactively since the move of its headquarters to Geneva, office space in that city as well as administrative and logistic support at fair costs, based on the costs borne by the United Nations itself and ensuring an equal treatment with other United Nations entities;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide for the Institute at fair costs, based on the costs borne by the United Nations itself and ensuring an equal treatment with other United Nations entities, liaison office space in New York, and, in this context, requests the Board of Trustees to give the necessary attention to these matters with a view to avoiding any negative financial impact on the Institute;

6. Invites the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the United Nations and its funds and programmes, including the United Nations Development Programme, to develop and intensify their collaboration, with the aim of making the Institute an important provider of training and training-related research for the United Nations system and to avoid unnecessary duplication of work;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen, in accordance with their respective mandates, the cooperation between the Institute and other qualified national and international institutions, including the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization at Turin, Italy;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the measures taken in the implementation of the present resolution.

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